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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the West, steady at best in other areas. Demand covered the full range with best movement where first of the month business or catering accounts were active. Supplies were adequate to ample with smaller sizes in closest balance. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants operating Saturday. In the parts structure, breast items were at least adequate and being discounted to help clear. Dark meat and wings were irregular, but sufficient to satisfy needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 06/05-06/10/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	45.00-49.00	42.00-61.25	49.00	23
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	53.00-56.00	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	58.00-59.50	46.00-61.00	59.00	85

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
605	55.27-61.00	58.48
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	158.50	3,925
BREASTS - WHOLE	79.50	1,745
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	601
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,745
WINGS	49.50	2,635

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light and unaggressive to fair with mixed opinions for first of the month movement. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, supplies of breast items increased in availability, particularly boneless skinless, and was slow to move. The remaining items were balanced to fully adequate with mixed trading. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable, but at times heavy.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices 1 cent higher than last week. The market tone was firm on regular commitments, new negotiations steady to firm. Offerings adequate overall. Buyers interest fair. Retail demand moderate to fairly good, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts for next week's delivery into California: leg quarters bulk 20.5-27 and 4/10s mainly 24, bone-in breasts 82-89, and boneless breasts 150-160.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for this week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Tuesday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment about steady. Offerings adequate or available on heavy sizes, limited on small sizes; buyers cautious and selective. Movement into all outlets was in a full range, mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading generally inactive on all items. Supplies of all items at least adequate for trade needs with breast items being discounted to help stimulate demand. Trade sentiment fully steady on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on breast items and steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair. Offerings were mixed. Larger birds were generally adequate and smaller sizes were adequate to short. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was about moderate. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless, skinless breasts were more than adequate. Bone-in breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat items were mixed, but usually adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair at most plants and was generally noted as below expectations entering the weekend. Offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy and reflected some operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady and cautious. In the parts complex, leg items were adequate and in best balance. Breast cuts were available and slow to clear. Wings were irregularly balanced. \*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.34
NO. OF BOXES	5,629
CUMULATIVE	05/29/00-06/02/00 59.31
	05/31/99-06/04/99 59.93
NO. OF BOXES	05/29/00-06/02/00 29,038
	05/31/99-06/04/99 27,825

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

JUNE 01, 2000

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

JUNE 02, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	664	126.00-208.00	150-155	150.04	720	148.00-208.00	150-155	155.22	2,624	153.76
TENDERLOINS	49	145.00-205.00	145-150	174.23	272	145.00-205.00	145-147	166.58	690	166.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	163	75.00-79.00	-	78.02	163	75.00-79.00	75-78	75.93	575	77.85
FRONT HALVES	75	53.50-55.00	-	54.30	TOO FEW TO REPORT				285	54.32
LEGS	48	27.00-35.00	27-29	28.33	88	27.00-35.00	-	27.73	311	27.80
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	669	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.62	689	17.00-19.00	17-18	17.69	2,913	17.67
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,237	20.00-22.00	21-22	21.12	1,197	20.00-22.00	21-22	21.10	4,392	21.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	132	41.00-53.00	43-45	44.89	127	41.00-53.00	44-46	45.99	430	45.31
WINGS (CUT)	492	51.00-73.00	55-56	55.06	486	51.00-72.00	54-56	55.37	1,798	55.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				26	35.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				14	35.00
B/S THIGHS	55	65.00-96.00	66-68	67.75	TOO FEW TO REPORT				237	67.24

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUNE 01, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

**TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE**

35.25 - 37.00

35.96

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTSTRADING FOR JUNE 02, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK. **TODAY'S****RANGE****AVERAGE****5-DAY**

35.00 - 37.00

35.85

35.99

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly light with little enthusiasm noted for first of the month business. Some plants planned to process this weekend. Offerings of breast items, particularly boneless, skinless breasts, were becoming increasingly available. Dark meat items were usually sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was no better than moderate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items and generally steady on dark meat.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	CURRENT NEG		WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**		TRADING*	AVG**		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	159.68	365,400	155-160	159.62	450,240	159.26	1,743,400
TENDERLOINS	145-150	149.75	97,920	145-150	150.00	109,840	150.01	373,700
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	83.10	187,520	76-77	82.63	207,520	82.72	798,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	79.38	117,000	76	75.65	200,400	77.80	652,840
LEGS	34-35	37.62	159,560	34-35	37.35	181,640	37.34	724,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.76	389,861	24-25	25.28	408,117	24.57	1,629,520
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	37.77	80,640	37-38	41.55	93,920	39.13	338,840
THIGHS	28-29	38.88	44,450	28-29	38.78	71,250	37.87	236,460
B/S THIGHS	86-87	91.84	41,880	86-87	91.93	53,760	91.44	211,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	50-51	59.01	193,240	50-51	59.53	236,800	59.53	851,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	45,200	10-12	12.03	65,760	12.01	207,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.79	24,200	30-35	34.32	43,600	34.66	128,970
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.66	51,120	40-45	44.67	71,760	44.82	240,035

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	06/02	06/01	05/31	05/30	05/31	05/30	05/26	05/24
ALA	4,324	4,025	3,718	3,720	5.12	5.09	3,708	4.95
ARK	6,649	5,274	5,131	5,140	4.88	4.93	5,701	4.88
DELMARVA	2,525	2,448	2,454	2,399	5.25	5.23	2,290	5.05
KY-LA-TN	2,075	2,142	2,111	2,063	4.49	4.49	2,575	4.44
MISS	2,874	2,777	2,785	2,700	5.07	5.02	2,772	5.03
NC	2,834	2,688	2,572	2,537	5.96	6.01	3,074	5.77
TEXAS	2,315	2,238	2,028	2,315	4.81	4.83	2,611	4.84
TOTAL	23,596	21,592	20,799	20,874	5.08	5.07	22,731	5.00
MON-FRI	94,866(A)						106,335(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jun & 03-Jun-00 is estimated to be 35,302,000 up 13.25 percent from a week ago and down 3.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 36,642,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Jun-00 is estimated to be 137,601,000 head down 13.3 percent from a week ago, and down 2.9 percent from a year ago (Last week 158,730,000 Last year 141,773,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-104
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	107-111
	DRY PACK	119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	95
DUCKS		152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending May 20, 2000 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service	(B) Retail	(C) Deboning
	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	40,158	31,342	44,109
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	5.93
% of total /1	35%	27%	38%

**COMPARISONS**

Last week	34,657	35,593	42,926
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.08
% of total /1	31%	31%	38%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,818	29,738	47,811
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.09
% of total /1	30%	27%	43%
To date/2000	669,374	639,080	819,990
To date/1999	666,531	561,669	878,087

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 27-May-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	158,730(A)	2,077	1,553	3,630	456
AVG WT	4.94	3.36	7.75	5.24	6.62
LAST WEEK	158,827	1,873	1,584	3,457	436
YR AGO	156,997	2,274	1,405	3,679	422
AVG WT	5.07	3.37	7.84	5.08	6.89
TO-DATE/2000	3,236,472	42,724	29,084	71,808	9,440
TO-DATE/1999	3,170,521	46,426	28,258	74,684	9,433

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.7 million head or 4.7 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 30, 2000**

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.20 - 1.50	Geese 9-14	.30 - .40
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 - 1.40	Pigeons	2.25 - 2.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	2.75 - 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .80	Rabbits 4-6	.80 - 1.10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.35 - .50	Rabbits 7-11	.80 - 1.00
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.40 - .50	Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .70	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - .90	Goats	20.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 5.00ea.	Doves	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.03 - .10	Total Coops Sold	650

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2000

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57-60	57-58
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	73-83	75-81

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were somewhat reduced because of the Memorial day holiday this week. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40- 0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 29-MAY-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 22	148.3	149.9	99	5.05
29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
MAY 6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
20	160.8	157.2	102	5.08
27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	3275.9	3201.3	102	
JUNE 3		156.4		
10		157.3		

**CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** W/E 27-May-00  
IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,800 HD, 19,608 lbs., Light Hens 230 HD, 752 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----					
W/E	06/03/00	05/27/00	% CHG	06/05/99	% CHG	
Broilers	137,601	*158,730	-13	*141,773	-03	
Cattle	620	725	-14	*619	0	
Hogs	1,476	1,780	-17	*1,609	-08	

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Prices were unchanged on lights and irregular but usually unchanged to lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive as offerings were generally reported as adequate to available. The undertone was steady on lights, but unsettled and in a range of barely steady to weak on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
22-26 MAJORITY 24-26	30-33.25 MAJORITY 32-33.25
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-26 MAJORITY	31-36 MAJORITY 32-34

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were ample for the light and unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Finished product was adequate at unchanged price levels. Undertone was generally steady. On May 26, 2000 USDA, AMS announced the purchase of about 1.2 million pounds of canned boned poultry packed in 29-ounce cans for delivery from July 1 to September 30, 2000. The canned boned poultry will not be restricted to light fowl meat only.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were burdensome for the shortened week as processors work to accommodate as many spent birds as schedules will allow. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady.

### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. Processing schedules were generally normal. Canners were reported as adequate to available. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were sluggish with current production easily covering needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked holiday week schedules. Offerings exceeded available line time.

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